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SUBJECT: DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

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1. AT MEETING DISCUSSED IN REFTEL THE GOC REPS ACCEPTED THE TOTAL PACKAGE PRESENTED BY USG AT EARLIER MEETINGS. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THE SAN ANDRES STATION, THE GOC REPS STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT AFTER ITS TERMINATION DATE. EMBOFF REFERRED TO GOC PROPOSAL OF APRIL 1976 WHICH SPECIFIED THE THREE YEAR TERM AND STATED A CHANGE AT THIS LATE DATE WOULD DELAY OUR REACHING AN AGREEMENT. EMBOFF THEN STATED THAT CHANGE IN TEXT OF AGREEMENT WAS NOT NECESSARY IN THAT A PROPOSAL FOR NEW OR REVISED AGREEMENT COULD BE PRESENTED BY GOC AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE. GOC REPS CONCURRED.

2. THE GOC REPS HAD NO QUESTIONS ON THE VAP TRAINING OFFERS.

3. THE USG ENDORSEMENT OF THE VAP PROPOSAL FOR THE BOGOTA STATION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE GOC REPS AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION. THIS CONCERNED THE TYPE OF IMPROVED EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED. THE GOC REPS NOTED THAT THEIR VAP REQUEST WAS FOR A GMD BUT THAT THE USG WAS NOT SPECIFIC

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IN THIS REGARD. EMBOGG POINTED OUT THAT NO GUARANTEE

COULD BE GIVEN AS TO SPECIFIC TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED UNTIL DONOR IS IDENTIFIED. GOC REPS DESCRIBED AT GREAT LENGTH REASONS FOR THEIR PREFERENCE FOR THE GMD EQUIPMENT. THEY POINTED OUT SUCH FACTORS AS:

- A. EQUIPMENT AS USED AT TUMACO AND CAVIOTAS REQUIRES ANTENNA FARM SPACE WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE AT BOGOTA STATION.
- B. EXPENDABLES FOR VAISALA EQUIPMENT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN FOR GMD.
- C. MORE OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR VAISALA EQUIPMENT.
- D. VAISALA FREQUENCY MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO INTERFERENCE.
- E. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MORE COMPLEX FOR VAISALA EQUIPMENT.
- F. SPARE PARTS FOR VAISALA EQUIPMENT MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IN COLOMBIA.
- G. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO REPLACEMENT OF VAISALA EQUIPMENT AT TUMACO AND GAVIOTAS WITH GMD.

4. GOC REPS WERE VERY FRANK AND CRITICAL OF VAISALA EQUIPMENT AND LATER REQUESTED THAT THEIR REMARKS BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT.

5. EMBOFF THANKED GOC REPS FOR DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR PREFERENCE FOR THE GMD BUT REITERATED THAT SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE GUARANTEED AT THIS TIME.
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